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To the Soc. of Inquiry,
Theo. Sem. Princeton,

Beloved Brethren,

Our hearts have been exceedingly cheered & refreshed by your communication of the 20th ult., and we hasten to atone our past remissness by an early response. Believe us, we cordially reciprocate every sentiment you express on the great importance of a frequent interchange of Christian regard, ~~and~~ an uninterrupted flow of sympathy and communion, and a faithful stirring up each others pure minds by way of remembrance in the great Cause in which we are embarked. We can hardly account for the long silence which has existed, and will pretend to offer no apology. "We *are* verily guilty."

The Cause of Missions has in its very nature so many points of interest to the Christian heart, and its present aspects are so truly encouraging, it must certainly be our own fault, if, associated as we are for inquiry on the subject, it fail to command our most undivided attention. That this world is to be converted to Christ we do not for a moment doubt. That the Saviour's philanthropic heart sympathises with modern Missions is indubitable –

Most substantial tokens of his approval have we received in the Pentecostal outpourings of his Spirit on several of our Missionary Stations. Moreover, in addition to the Considerations, which swell the hearts, and inspire the prayers of the private Christian, as he looks out upon the field already white to the harvest, we profess, my dear brethren, to be acting in direct obedience to the heaven-issued Call, which has been so long on record. With what ardent emotion should our souls glow, at every foretokening of that blessed day's approach! How should we hail every item of intelligence, which comes wafted to us from every quarter of heaven! We should do well to study more carefully the characters, and imbibe more deeply the Spirit, of some of the earliest modern Inquirers on this great subject. Their prayers were ~~ardent~~ fervent, for they had little else to confide in. Their faith was ardent and strong, because there seemed no other refuge. And when the Inquiry came, Whom shall we send? And who will go for us? they could only respond with a self-sacrificing willingness, Lord, here are we, send us. —

We were glad to be informed, that the state of the Missionary Cause is so favorable at Princeton at the present time. And not the least interesting item was the fact, that so many of your members had personally consecrated themselves to the Foreign work. We also have a few, who are similarly situated, and these are several of our Alumni already in foreign lands. Three of our brethren, Messrs. Bond, Dole & Paris, with their wives, sailed last Nov., the two former for those interesting Islands, where God's power has been so wonderfully displayed, and the latter for Oregon Territory. Another was prevented from embarking at the same time on account of the feeble health of his Companion. – The Constantinople Mission is one of peculiar interest to us, where our beloved brother Hamlin is stationed. It would afford us pleasure to know, how many of your graduated members are in the foreign service – As the number of them increase, we have so many new ties connecting us with the ends of the earth, and bringing them, as it were, to our very door. –

During the last Academical year, the Missionary cause flagged with us – a fact to be lamented, but partly explained by the powerful Revival in the City, which continued nearly through the year. This year (four months of which have elapsed) the case, we are happy to say, has been different. Our meetings have been constant, full, & interesting. A Spirit of prayer quite unusual has pervaded the Institution. An uncommon degree of brotherly love & fellow-feeling has existed. And the impression has been very general, that without more holiness and a higher tone of piety, we never can be qualified to be Ambassadors for Christ. We do not say this, we trust, with an ostentatious spirit. We ask your prayers that our dependance upon God may be greater, our sense of responsibility more deep & permanent – Ah the same time, we would affectionately exhort you, dear brethren, to be wholly consecrate to the Lord. We are engaged in a good work. The Lord is on our side. More are they that are for us than they that be against us. When we come to Mt. Zion, we will rest, recount our toils, & unite in ascribing the victory to Him, who hath bought us with his own hearts' blood.

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Commending you to God and the word of His grace, we subscribe ourselves

With every sentiment of esteem and love
In behalf of the Soc. of Inq.
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